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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 1683

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SUBJECT: OAU RECOGNITION OF CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS ASSURED SPANISH AMBASSADOR
THAT SENEGAL IS OPPOSED TO OAU RECOGNITION OF CANARY
ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE THIS
AT OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM.

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR SOTOMAYOR PROVIDED FOLLOWING
RUNDOWN OF IMPACT IN DAKAR OF OAU FOREIGN MINISTER'S
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT AT RECENT TRIPOLI MEETING.

1. ON INSTRUCTION FROM MADRID, SPANISH AMBASSADOR SUBMITTED
STIFF NOTE TO SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTESTING
SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR OAU RESOLUTION BOTH IN
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LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND AT MINISTERIAL
PLENARY. WITHIN 48 HOURS, PRIME MINISTER DIOUF CALLED
SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO INFORM HIM THAT SENEGALESE
DELEGATION HAD BEEN UNINSTRUCTED BECAUSE OF DAKAR'S
PREOCCUPATION WITH ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HE ASSURED
AMBASSADOR THAT SENEGAL OPPOSES OAU SUPPORT FOR CANARY
SEPARATISTS.

3. FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 2, PRESIDENT SENGHOR CALLED SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO HIS OFFICE TO REPEAT PRIME MINISTER'S ASSURANCES. SENGHOR SAID THAT SENEGAL RECOGNIZES EXCLUSIVE SPANISH CHARACTER OF CANARIES. SPANISH AMBASSADOR TOLD SENGHOR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. NOT ONLY DID SENEGALESE DELEGATION VOTE FOR THE OFFENSIVE RESOLUTION, BUT HAD INTRODUCED AMENDMENT IN LIBERATION COMMITTEE WHICH RESULTED IN STRENGTHENING ANTI-SPANISH TONE OF THE RESOLUTION. SOTOMAYOR SAID THAT SENGHOR BECAME LIVID AFTER HEARING THIS, AND PLEDGED TO MADE A SPEECH AT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT PROCLAIMING THE CANARIES AS UNALTERABLY SPANISH.

4. I ASKED THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IF HE FELT THERE WAS SENEGALESE DUPLICITY INVOLVED. HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY DUPLICITY, ONLY STUPIDITY.
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